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BRITISH TRAINERS THREATEN SUNDAY

BOYCOTT According to a report in vesterday's Sporting Life, England's National Trainers' Federation has voted to boycott racing on Sundays in 1997 unless the British Horseracing Board can convince the racecourses to raise the purse money on those cards. "We went along with the introduction of Sunday racing, being told there would be good prize money--but that certainly hasn't been the case," Grant Harris, the NTF's chief executive, told Sporting Life. But Morag Gray, a spokesperson for the Racecourse Association, countered, telling Sporting Life, "In our Sunday racing submission, we decided the level of prize money would be significantly higher. In 1995 and 1996 total prize money for the 54 Sunday fixtures amounted to 3.63 million pounds, which works out at around 20 percent higher than the average weekday fixture. The message to trainers is that they should support Sunday racing, which is good for the industry in bringing new faces to racing."

IGREJA CAUSES STIR IN SOUTH AFRICA Igreja (Arg) (Southern Halo--Heiress, by Greinton {GB}) confirmed her standing as the leading juvenile in South Africa with another impressive success yesterday. The filly won by five lengths in her debut, defeating colts and setting a new class record time of :58.8 for five furlongs over a yeilding Kenilworth course February 1. Sent off at 1-5 in her second start, the Saldanha S. over five furlongs at Milnerton, Igreja scored easily by four lengths. Ashford Stud's John Magnier and David Nagle are in the process of purchasing a half share in Igreja from her owner Des Scott for an undisclosed sum. The partners will continue racing her in South Africa until next year when they plan to transfer her to the U.S. to continue her career with trainer D. Wayne Lukas.

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park:

went the same distance in 1:01 3/5.

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 8.5f
Three contenders for the Fountain of Youth worked
Tuesday, with the undefeated Pulpit (A.P. Indy) topping
the tab, working a half-mile in a bullet :47. "He galloped
out in 1:00," said Bobby Brothers, assistant to his
brother, trainer Frank Brothers, yesterday. "He went
well. He was well within himself. He cooled out fine and
is good today." Clockers timed the colt going in splits of
:11 4/5 and :23 3/5. Also breezing Tuesday, Confide
(Phone Trick) went five-eighths in a bullet :58 4/5, and
Danka Hutcheson winner Frisk Me Now (Mr. Frisky)

Trainer Nick Zito will be represented by two runners in the Fountain of Youth. Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up Acceptable (Capote) and Jack Flash (Sovereign Dancer) will both be starting in the race. Jack Flash, who captured a Gulfstream allowance test in his last start, will be making his stakes debut.

The D. Wayne Lukas trainee **Wrightwood** (Seattle Slew) arrived at Gulfstream Sunday evening from his Southern California base. Wrightwood has made only one start at three, taking a January 29 allowance race at Santa Anita by two lengths. Wrightwood's final start of 1996 was a ninth-place finish in the GI Futurity at Belmont last September. "He had throat surgery done in September," Dallas Stewart, assistant to Lukas explained. "His throat had been bothering him prior to that. After the surgery, he was able to get more air and he seems to have benefited from it. We feel he'll be tough in the Fountain of Youth."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

3-1 \$150,000 Arcadia H.-Gil, SA, 4yo/up,

8fT (\$50) 3-2 \$200,000 **San Rafael-Gll, SA**, 3yo, 8f

3-2 \$200,000 **San Rafael-GII, SA**, 3yo, 8f (\$100)

3-2 \$150,000 **San Carlos H.-Gll, SA**, 4yo/up, 7f (\$50) 3-2 \$125,000 **Buena Vista H.-Gll, SA**, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT (\$50)

TOMORROW, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21:

3-2 \$1,000,000 **Santa Anita H.-GI, SA**, 4γο/up, 10f (\$25,000s)





◆ FLORIDA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

10th-GPX, \$31,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8 (off turf), 1:52 3/5, gd.

ZARMA (FR) (m, 5, Machiavellian--Zartota {G1SP-Fr, \$102,650}, by Assert (Ire)) won here, in her second American and first dirt race. Her only previous race in America was a fourth-place finish in a Jan. 6 turf allowance at Gulfstream. She had been multiple stakes placed in France with her last French start being a poor seventh-place outing in a listed stakes at La Teste. The chestnut mare appreciated the surface switch as she pulled away in the stretch to win by nine lengths. The 7-2 shot stalked the pace and made a decisive four-wide move around the far turn. 39-1 longshot THE LADY TRIUMPHS (Explodent) set the early pace and hung on for second. Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 25-2-3-6, \$114,049.

O-Avanzino K C & Hogan C & L. B-Jean-Bernard Fetoux (Fr). T-Thomas J Skiffington.

8th-GPX, \$31,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 4/5, gd. MEADOW BREEZE (h, 5, Meadowlake--Miss Mauna Lisa, by *Hawaii) won his second consecutive allowance race here at Gulfstream after a Feb. 6 neck victory. The 2-1 third choice wired the field despite being pressured throughout to win by 3/4 length. The 3-2 favorite SHRIKE (Afleet) tracked the winner the entire way but only could manage to take the place spot. The grey gelding is a 1/2 to Willamar (Northjet {Ire}), MSW, \$217,100. Lifetime Record: 22-3-4-3, \$79,665. O-Bea Oxenberg. B-Offutt-Cole Farm (KY). T-Edward Plesa Jr.

3rd-GPX, \$30,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, gd. TEMPO (m, 5, Gone West--Terpsichorist {MGSW, \$426,986} by Nijinsky II) won her return to the races after a 14 month layoff. She won her only previous start, a Dec. 10, 1995 maiden race at Calder by 4 1/2 lengths. She was sent off as the 4-5 favorite despite the layoff and won by 3 1/2 lengths. CHIC ANITA (Regal Search) battled for the lead with Tempo at the top of the stretch but could not match strides with the winner. The chestnut mare is a 1/2 to Marry Me Do (Blushing Groom {Fr}), MSW, \$331,320; Dancing Devlette (Devil's Bag), MGSP, \$179,787. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$27,000.

O-Hickory Tree Stable. B-Alice Dupont Mills (VA). T-William I Mott.

4th-GPX, \$29,000, Msw, 4yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, gd. MR. IAN (c, 4, Capote--Eastern Dawn {SW & GSP, GSW-Fr, \$118,453}, by Damascus) broke his maiden in his sixth try after three consecutive third-place finishes. The even-money favorite set his own pace and held on in the stretch to win by 2 3/4 lengths. Second-place finisher WELLS HILL (Ends Well) sat off the leader, but the winner had too much left in the stretch. The bay colt was a \$100,000 1994 FTSAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-3, \$28,070.

O-Anstu Stables Inc. B-Dr. & Mrs. R. Smiser West & Mr. & Mrs. M. Miller (Ky). T-Todd A Pletcher.

◆ FOREIGN

Local News, England:

The Doubleprint Arc Trial, a listed race to be run at 11 furlongs, will be introduced this year at Newbury as a prep for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. The race, worth approximately \$85,000, is set for September 18--17 days before the Arc.

It is reported from Newmarket that the Maktoum family's highly successful Godolphin racing team is to be more than doubled in 1997. In 1996, Godolphin raced some 40 horses from its Moulton Paddocks stable at Newmarket. A team of more than 100 is expected to arrive in Newmarket before the beginning of the racing season. Among the additions are, 1995 European champion juvenile Alhaarth (Ire) (Unfuwain), G1 Haydock Park Sprint Cup winner Iktamal (Danzig Connection) and Kahal (GB) (Machiavellian), who ran fifth as the joint favorite in last October's G1 Dewhurst S. for juveniles.

◆ MIDWEST

Local News, Oaklawn:

Oaklawn has added two \$50,000 stakes races to its schedule in order to fulfill a simulcasting agreement with Bay Meadows. On Sunday, February 23, the Arkansas track has added the Bald Eagle S. for 3-year-olds and, added on Sunday, March 2, is the Bel Air S. for older fillies and mares. California law demands simulcast races have a minimum \$50,000 purse. An announcement of a simulcast agreement between Oaklawn and the Southern California circuit is expected shortly.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a + will denote winners who are first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-SPT, \$23,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41 4/5, ft. CEIL'S BOBBIE (f, 4, Royal Roberto--Ceil's Choice, by Imperial Guard) Lifetime Record: 15-2-1-3, \$30,275. O/B-M. Salvino Inc. (IL). T-Jose L Gonzalez.

8th-LRL, \$21,639, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:52 1/5, ft. CAROLINA LEAGUE (c, 4, Private Terms--Should Exceed, by Shelter Half) Lifetime Record: 22-5-2-2, \$65,675. O-Foxglove Stable. B-Dr. James W. Ross (MD). T-Donald H Barr.

7th-SUF, \$20,000, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:45, ft. ROYALE D'OR (m, 5, Tour D'Or--White Royalty {MSW}, by Whitesburg) Lifetime Record: SW, 25-7-6-7, \$96,574. O-Cat II Stable & Arcieri V A Jr. B-Luann Baker (OH). T-Michael L Catalano Jr. *Full to Royal D'Or, MSW, \$132,352.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Darlene's Friend, f, 3, Hay Halo--Mandy's Friend, by Full Intent. LRL, 2-19, 7f, 1:25 3/5. B-Hill William P (Md).

+ Two Smart, c, 3, Two Punch--Dancing Smart, by Smarten. GPX, 2-19, 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Heath Charles D (Md). *\$19,000 yrl '95 FTMSEP.

Mr. Ian, c, 4, Capote--Eastern Dawn (SW & GSP, GSW-Fr), by Damascus. GPX, 2-19, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5. B-Dr & Mrs R Smiser West & Mr & Mrs M Miller (Ky). *\$100,000 yrl '94 FTSAUG.

Kingdom Came, c, 4, Known Fact--Queen of the Hive, by Drone. GPX, 2-19, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Fortune Marital Trust (Ky).

My Brother Ray, c, 4, Major Moran--Lady Alice O, by Sunny North. GPX, 2-19, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Lewis J (FI). Vagabond Shoes, f, 4, Tanthem--She's Lovely, by

Beau's Eagle. BMX, 2-16, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Ron Mesaros Photo (Ca).

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1997 THOROUGHBRED RACING LEADERS

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Mounts/Wins	<u>Purses</u>
197/58	\$1,865,430
132/27	\$1,654,195
201/40	\$1,535,675
152/29	\$1,457,240
201/48	\$1,374,399
264/56	\$1,312,995
109/18	\$1,177,150
186/38	\$1,078,581
130/24	\$ 996,065
206/61	\$ 949,458
	197/58 132/27 201/40 152/29 201/48 264/56 109/18 186/38 130/24

<u>Trainers</u>	Starts/Wins	<u>Purses</u>
D. Wayne Lukas	126/29	\$1,148,825
Bob Baffert	55/17	\$745 <i>,</i> 995
Jerry Hollendorfer	121/31	\$688 <i>,</i> 735
John Kimmel	69/16	\$643,125
Bill Mott	81/20	\$635,160
David Hofmans	39/10	\$602,155
Richard Mandella	46/6	\$548,600
Gaspar Moschera	74/15	\$498,414
Ron McAnally	56/13	\$477,630
Jenine Sahadi	35/13	\$450,725

<u>Horses</u>	Starts/Wins	<u>Purses</u>
Victory Speech	2/1	\$300,000
Belle's Flag	2/2	\$215,850
Northern Afleet	2/1	\$204,400
High Stakes Player	2/2	\$195,450
Gentlemen (Arg)	1/1	\$180,300
Formal Gold	1/1	\$180,000
Sharp Cat	2/2	\$163,100
Kingdom Found	2/1	\$158,200
Miss Golden Circle	2/1	\$131,040
Arthur L.	2/2	\$120,000
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MONTY ROBERTS--A REAL HORSE WHISPERER

The International Livestock Congress will present a special event Friday morning, February 21 when Monty Roberts demonstrates the art of horse whispering at the Horse Whispering Breakfast in the Houston Astrodome.

Internationally known, the trainer uses a unique method of communication to break horses which emulates the motions of the animal--a method which allows him to start a horse within an hour, rather than the weeks it takes using traditional breaking techniques.

Roberts is not a magician, and his technique is not a trick. He is a horseman, and has been called the real-life inspiration for Tom Booker, the hero of Nicholas Evans' best seller *The Horse Whisperer*. (The book is being made into a movie starring Robert Redford.)

Traditionally whisperers were considered gypsies, showmen or magicians. The established horse world believed it was a performance or a trick. This lack of acceptance has meant an uphill struggle for Roberts, but perseverance is paying off. Today, his methods are in demand all over the world.

"Even now," said Roberts, "no matter how often I show people there is a better bargain to be made with horses other than, 'you do what I tell you to do or I'll hurt you,' they'll dig in their heels. They prefer to think I've got some special gift, or that it's all done with smoke and mirrors. That way they are off the hook. What I do takes time to learn and people have to admit that what they've been doing for 20 years is wrong."

Roberts holds a degree in animal science, biological science and agri-economics, but he'll tell you that everything he knows he's learned from horses. At the age of 11 Roberts was charged with moving some wild mustangs from Battle Mountain, Nevada to Salinas, California. Roberts took the opportunity to watch the horses very closely and began to decipher their non-verbal communication.

"I started to emulate their motions and learn what they meant," he said. "I didn't create anything."

Roberts calls the language of horses `Equus.' "This is language is inaudible," he said, but the horses seem to understand him.

His method seeks to break the horse without breaking his spirit.

"If you beat someone, force them to submit, break them, they will do what you want," said Roberts. But he prefers to use a technique he calls "joinup," which implements his life-long experience with horses and their body language rather than aggression and force.

The join-up process begins in an arena. Roberts flicks a long rein and allows the horse to experience an instinctive flight of panic, but soon the horse calms realizing that there is no immediate threat. As the fear subsides, the horse lowers and stretches out his neck, signifying to Roberts `It's okay now; I'm willing to talk.' Avoiding direct eye contact, Roberts repeatedly walks up to the horse, reassures it, then squarely walks away. The horse is left to make up its own mind as to whether to follow this new leader or resist him. Roberts becomes passive and turns his back on the horse, then drops his shoulder so the horse will approach him. The horse will trot up to him and Roberts will pet his new friend. Subsequently the horse will allow himself to be saddled, bridled and ridden. It's simply a matter of gaining the horse's trust, Roberts says.

Roberts has traveled worldwide to talk about and demonstrate his method of horse training. He has started horses for Queen Elizabeth II and for Gestut Fahrhof, the leading Thoroughbred farm in Germany. He has earned global recognition for his training and breeding facility, Flag Is Up Farms in Solvang, California. Roberts has handled more than 9,700 horses on ranches, in rodeos, in movies and for commercials. He has created a course manual and video, entitled "Join Up," to teach his methods, and his autobiography, *The Man Who Listens To Horses*, is on the London Times bestseller list: it will be released in the U.S. this fall.

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FOALING NEWS:

JADANA (IRE), 18, Pharly (Fr)--Janina (GB) (*Match II) Foal born 1-22-97, a colt by Woodman.

Will be bred back to Woodman.

Owned by John R. Gaines Thoroughbreds & Coolmore Stud.

Boarded at Ashford Stud in Versailles, Kentucky. Accomplishments: Stakes-winner; Dam of Jade Hunter (MGI, \$407,260, by Mr. Prospector).

VELVET TULLIP, 7, Valid Appeal--Payola Miss (Nearctic Traveller)

Foal born 1-27-97, a filly by Meadowlake.

Will be bred back to Grindstone.

Owned by Brylynn Farm, Inc.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville, Ky.

Accomplishments: GSP, \$210,613.

THOUGHT PROVOKER, 16, Exceller--Gentle Thoughts (Bold Lad)

Faol born 2-1-97, a filly by Strodes Creek.

Owned by William P. O'Connell.

Boarded at Stone Farm in Paris, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Sheshallhavemusic (Dixieland Band), Multiple Stakes Winner of \$148,866.

ENSIGN JOANNE, 7, Blue Ensign--Holy Question (Holy War)

Foal born 2-3-97, a colt by Southern Halo.

Will be bred back to Unbridled's Song.

Owned by Paraneck Stables.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville, Ky.

Accomplishments: GSP, \$240,308.

CHINESE EMPRESS, 8, Nijinsky II--Execution (The Axe II)

Foal born 2-4-97, a colt by Gone West.

Will be bred back to Gone West.

Owned by Mrs. Georgia Hoffmann.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville, Ky.

Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$163,814.

HOW SO OISEAU, 5, Saratoga Six--Deauville Dove (No Robbery)

Foal born 2-5-97, a colt by Kris S.

Will be bred back to Cigar.

Owned by Brylynn Farm, Inc.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville, Ky.

Accomplishments: Graded Stakes Winner of \$125,450; first foal.



Breeders' Cup National Stakes Race Closings

CLOSES	TRACK	RACE	CONDITIONS	Purse	RUNS
2/27	FG	Bayou Breeders' Cup H.	4&up, f/m, 1 1/8mT	\$150,000	3/8
3/1	HIA	Poinciana Breeders' Cup H.	3&up, f/m, 7f	\$100,000	3/17
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